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BICYCLE PLANTS COMPLAIN OF TOOL SHORTAGES,
SAVE MATERIALS

LACK HARD ALLOY CUTTERS, DRILLS AT BICYCLE PLANT -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 21 Apr 51

This year, the Riga Sarkana Zvaygzne Bicycle Plant is supposed to increase its output 18 percent without acquiring additional space or equipment, but inadequate tool supplies are hampering an increase in production.

Snabsbyt (Supply and Sales), Ministry of Local Industry Latvian SSR (Solomonov, manager), did not supply the plant with high-speed steel until the end of the first quarter, and even then not in the full amount. This led to delays in preparing cutting instruments and stoppages of equipment. The plant also lacks many sizes of drills, hard alloy blades, and lathe chucks.

The republic office, Latsnabsbyt (Latvian Supply and Sales Office), did not supply the full amounts of drills and hard alloy blades to the plant. In the first quarter 1951, the plant did not receive any taps, milling cutters, measuring instruments, or clamping tools. -- D. Yaroslavskiy, chief, Tool Bureau, Riga Sarkana Zvaygzne Bicycle Plant

PLANT LOWERS PRODUCTION COSTS -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 24 Apr 51

The Sarkana Zvaygzne Bicycle Plant exceeded its 1950 plan for lowering the cost of products by 3.4 percent, and accumulated more than 2 million rubles above the plan.

REVIEW ACHIEVEMENTS OF BICYCLE PLANT -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 4 Jul 51

The Sarkana Zvaygzne Bicycle Plant was founded in 1927. At that time, the shops of the plant assembled bicycles from parts made in Germany, Sweden, and Britain. Maximum output of the plant in those days was 30,000 bicycles a year.

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After World War II, the plant was restored and equipped with the latest USSR equipment. Production space was increased to 4.2 times the 1940 total; the number of machine tools, 5 times; and the power of machine tools, 8.5 times. Metal-cutting speed was increased 40-60 percent, and more than 40 operations were converted to cutting with super-hard alloys, doubling output.

A new model men's bicycle, the Riga-10, was designed and manufactured.

Workers in all shops have put their machine tools, machines, and combination machine tools on the socialist maintenance program.

While only 11 innovations were brought forward in 1946, 112 were advanced in 1948, and 159 in 1950. The adoption of 70 proposals in 1950 saved the state 500,000 rubles.

Output in 1950 was 11½ times that of 1946. Labor productivity has been raised and production costs of goods lowered. In 1940, it took 60 hours to make a bicycle; this year, it is planned to reduce production time to 14 hours. In 1940, the enterprise made a profit of 2 million rubles, but in 1950, it made a profit of 14 million rubles. In the first 5 months of 1951, the plant has given the country 204,000 rubles of above-plan accumulation.

About 90 percent of the workers in the enterprise are Stakhanovites or shock workers.

However, the plant cannot rest on its laurels. Defective bicycles still reach the stores. A number of shops do not yet keep individual accounts of materials given to workers. Equipment could be used much more efficiently. -- B. Sodell', director, Riga Sarkana Zvaygzne Bicycle Plant

BICYCLE PLANT SAVES TOOLS, MATERIALS -- Moscow, Trud, 16 May 51

The Khar'kov Bicycle Plant has established rigid control of tool and materials consumption, and every worker in 57 brigades has a personal materials-consumption account. Production cost of goods has been lowered 31 percent in the first quarter 1951, and losses due to rejects lowered three times. In a period of 3 months, the plant made 100 bicycles out of materials saved by economy measures.

RECEIVES STAKHANOVITE TITLE -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 14 Jun 51

The Khar'kov Bicycle Plant has been awarded the title of enterprise of collective Stakhanovite labor by the collegium of the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry and the Central Committee of the Trade Union of the Automobile and Tractor Industry.

The plant's bicycle output quadrupled during the postwar Five-Year Plan. In the first quarter 1951, gross production was 50 percent above that of the corresponding period last year. The plan for the first 5 months of 1951 has been exceeded.

Of the plant's workers, 82½ percent are Stakhanovites, and 64 brigades have earned the excellent-quality title.

PLANT BEGINS BICYCLE PRODUCTION -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 8 Apr 51

The Shyaulyay Bicycle Plant has put out the first consignment of ShvZ bicycles. Plant workers pledged themselves to organize the production of all the parts of the bicycle, using internal resources.

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